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TOWN

OF

# GROTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1980

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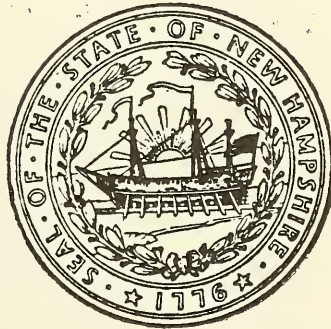
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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

**12-31-80**

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**Moderator**  
Paul Buck

### **Selectmen**

James Albert  
1983

Richard Humphrey  
1982

Samuel Abbott  
1981

**Town Clerk**  
Mildred Schweitzer  
1980

**Constable**  
Kenneth Martel Jr.  
1980

**Tax Collector**  
Mildred Schweitzer  
1980

**Health Officers**  
Selectmen

**Treasurer**  
Helen L. Albert  
1980

**Librarian**  
Katherine Buck

**Road Agent**  
Lewis J. Albert  
1980

**Secretary to Selectmen**  
Deborah Tathan, Jan. to July  
Helen Albert, July to Dec.

**Police**  
David J. Albert  
1980

**Trustee of Trust Funds**  
Elizabeth Abbott  
1980

Louise Clancy  
1981

**Library Trustees**  
Elizabeth Abbott  
1980

Viginia Hikel  
1982

**Fire Warden**  
C. Denis Matthews

David J. Albert  
James Parris

**Deputy Warden**  
James J. Albert  
Lewis J. Albert

Floyd Colby Sr.  
Edward Smith

Dedrick Garner  
1984

**Supervisors of the Checklist**  
Elizabeth Abbott  
1982

Yvonne Stevens  
1980

## **SELECTMEN'S LETTER**

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This year, with 15% inflation, has been our hardest year since we have been in office to hold our budget within the limits appropriated. We want to thank all Town Officers for helping us in holding the budget down.

When gasoline prices have soared to \$1.50 per gallon it reflects higher costs on everything we buy. This year you will notice increases in the budget that we feel will be adequate but not overly spending.

We have had a meeting with the State Pollution Board in Concord concerning our open dump burning. They did not wish to give us a permit, but we stated for economic reasons beyond our control, due to this 15% inflation, we could not ask the people of Groton to increase their tax rate at this time to find an alternative, such as incinerator, as ways of disposing of their garbage. As for the future we are still burning as in the past until we are required to do otherwise.

We believe this year is a crucial year for everyone to attend the upcoming School Meeting due to a large increase in our share of payments, also new teacher contracts, and as usual new buildings that we feel they do not need.

The board of Selectmen is going to have a change this year due to Samuel Abbott not seeking re-election. As much know, except for new residents within the last four years that this present Board of Selectmen was all elected as freshmen Selectmen due to one not seeking re-election and two resignations. This does not happen very often in any town. Being three freshmen Selectmen all at one time gave us a lot of challenges we could not have met if everyone had not done his share. For this reason we sincerely regret that Sam is not seeking re-election. We wish him the very best of luck in his retirement.

We know the incoming Selectman will be most welcome and we will be looking forward to working with him or her.

Selectmen of Groton



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
WARRANT FOR 1981 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF GROTON**

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To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State,  
Qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at North Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next, polls to be open at two o'clock in the afternoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the warrant at six o'clock in the afternoon.

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**Article 2:** To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the year ensuing.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to give a two percent discount on taxes paid within fifteen days of the Tax Collector's mailing date.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$314.53 in order to secure from the State the \$2,096.89 for class IV and V highways.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and authorize the Selectmen to place in Capital Reserve Funds as a consolidated account the following: a. \$2,500 for a new truck; b. \$1,000 for a new sander.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$703.58 for the support of the Pemi Baker Home Health Agency.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110.00 for the support of the Baker River Audio Visual Center, established by Federal Grant in 1974.

**Article 8:** To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, lease, rent, sell, and convey or otherwise dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town by any Tax Collector's deed.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, and pay obligations of the Town.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,500 for the repair and sealing of roads.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$14,019.12 for the summer and winter maintenance of highways, and to authorize the withdrawal from the revenue sharing fund the sum of \$3,019.12 to offset the sum, with the remaining \$11,000 to be raised by taxes.

**Article 13:** By Petition to see if the Town will vote to petition the Representatives and Senators who represent the Town in the General Court to support in the current session of the General Court, the concurrent resolution to amend the State Constitution to limit the annual increase in both taxes and spending by the State or any city, town, or other governmental unit of the state to five percent unless approved by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting of such taxing or spending authority.

**Article 14:** By Petition to see if the Town will vote the following ordinance: The Town of Groton ordains that no hazardous wastes, chemical or nuclear, shall be stored within town limits, and no hazardous waste dumps, chemical or nuclear, shall be established within town limits, without specific approval of the voters of the Town of Groton. Violation of this ordinance shall result in a fine of \$5,000.00 for each day of violation, payable to the general fund of the Town of Groton, and in addition, violators shall be physically and financially liable for cleanup of said waste. This ordinance upon passage, shall be recorded at the Grafton County Court House at Woodsville by the Selectmen.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to accept \$212.07 from the State Duncan Fund for maintenance of Class V highways.

**Article 16:** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred Eighty One.

James J. Albert  
Richard C. Humphrey  
Samuel L. Abbott  
Selectmen of Groton

A true copy attest:

James J. Albert  
Richard C. Humphrey  
Samuel L. Abbott  
Selectmen of Groton

## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

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Land	\$ 3,993,728
Buildings	2,625,816
Electric Lines	368,390
Total before exemptions	<hr/> 6,987,934
Elderly Exemptions (5)	25,000.00
Net Valuation on which Tax is Computed	6,962,934
Number of Inventories Mailed	354
Date Mailed	March 24
Number Returned	325
Number of Property Owners applying for Current Use	18
Number of Property Owners granted Current Use	18
Number of Acres Under Current Use	11,121.82
Computation of Rate:	
6,962,934 x 1.69 =	117,673.58
Gross Property Taxes Assessed	117,673.58
Less Estimated War Service Credits	1,250.00
Net Property Commitment*	<hr/> 116,423.58

\*Subject to any adjustment by reason of increase or decrease in war service tax credits.

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$ 20,000
Furniture and Equipment	2,000
Libraries, Land and Buildings	8,000
Furniture and Equipment	2,000
Police	2,000
Fire	500
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	6,000
Truck	17,000
Other Equipment	7,500
Selectmen's Office	10,000
Equipment	1,000
Town Dump	3,000
Total	<hr/> \$ 79,000

**BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON  
APPROPRIATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF REVENUES FOR ENSUING YEAR  
JANUARY 1, 1981 TO DECEMBER 31, 1981**

	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1981 (1981-82)
<b>PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)</b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town officers' salaries	5,800.00	6,089.92	6,100.00
Town officers' expenses	3,300.00	3,653.28	4,000.00
Election and Registration expenses	900.00	846.78	300.00
Expenses town hall and other buildings	3,500.00	3,506.02	3,950.00
Reappraisal of property	1,600.00	1,526.58	1,600.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	2,600.00	3,044.45	3,000.00
Fire department, inc. forest fires	3,000.00	2,848.24	3,500.00
Planning and Zoning	100.00		100.00
Insurance	3,300.00	3,153.00	3,300.00
<b>Health Department:</b>			
Health Dept. - Hospital - Ambulance	850.00	809.18	1,000.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	2,000.00	2,016.20	2,000.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
Town road aid	317.84	317.84	314.53
Town Maintenance	14,151.52	8,680.70	14,019.12
Street Lighting	350.00	327.27	375.00
General expenses of highway dept.	2,500.00	3,489.48	3,500.00
Sealing & Repairs	9,500.00	9,566.07	9,500.00
Duncan Fund	463.02	463.02	
Highway Subsidy		5,907.90	
Revenue Sharing		3,151.52	
<b>Libraries:</b>			
Library	950.00	950.00	950.00
Baker River Audio Visual	100.00	100.00	110.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town poor	200.00	1,600.72	1,800.00
Old age assistance	500.00	72.00	500.00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks & Playground, inc. band concerts	300.00	252.75	300.00
<b>Public Services Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	150.00	164.75	175.00

<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Damages and Legal expenses	500.00	319.50	1,000.00
Discounts, refunds & abatements	300.00	278.15	300.00
New equipment - grader	2,000.00	2,000.00	
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Interest on temporary loans	1,200.00	1,890.28	2,000.00
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
School Approp.	40,000.00	52,642.23	66,000.00
County	11,570.30	5,138.42 (Bal. 79)	14,700.00
<b>Payment to Capital Reserve Fund</b>			
Truck & Sander	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u>\$115,502.68</u>	<u>\$126,306.25</u>	<u>\$147,893.65</u>

<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year</b>
<b>From Local Taxes:</b>			
Resident Taxes	1,550.00	1,540.00	1,600.00
Yield Taxes	2,500.00	2,519.24	2,500.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	500.00	785.21	800.00
Resident Tax Penalties	25.00	6.00	10.00
<b>From State</b>			
Meals and Rooms Tax	900.00	1,098.86	900.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	550.00	826.27	550.00
Savings Bank Tax	175.00	154.74	155.00
Highway Subsidy	3,358.84	3,358.84	3,321.02
Duncan Fund		463.02	212.07
Town Road Aid	2,118.92	2,118.92	2,096.89
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	275.00	375.18	300.00
Reimb. a/c Forest Fires		30.96	30.00
Reimb. a/c Business Profits Tax	1,400.00	2,600.92	2,000.00
Reimb. Rec. Land	15.00	1979 19.65 1980 25.35	25.00
Gas Tax Refund	50.00		
Add. Highway Sub.	2,812.41	2,549.36	2,508.17
<b>From Local Sources, Except Taxes</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	6,550.00	5,987.88	6,000.00
Dog Licenses	225.00	242.00	225.00
Business Licensed, Permits and Filing Fees	75.00	98.00	75.00
Dog Penalty		4.00	
Sale of Town Property		3.00	
Refunds		43.21	
Ins. Adj.		196.00	
Redeposit Returned Checks		420.46	
Bad Checks		173.69	
Police Duty		84.50	
Gifts	15.00	215.00	115.00
Timber Tax Bonds		1,690.00	1,500.00
<b>Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:</b>			
Revenue Sharing Fund	3,151.52	3,151.52	3,019.12
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	<u>\$26,246.69</u>	<u>\$30,781.78</u>	<u>\$27,942.27</u>

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND  
TAXES ASSESSED FOR TAX YEAR 1980**

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**Appropriations:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,800.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,300.00
Election & Registration	900.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings	3,500.00
Revaluation	1,600.00
Police	2,600.00
Fire	3,000.00
Planning	100.00
Insurance	3,300.00
Health	850.00
Dump	2,000.00
TRA	317.84
Summer & Winter Maintenance	14,151.52
Street Lighting	350.00
General Highway Expense	2,500.00
Sealing & Repairs	9,500.00
Library	950.00
Baker River Audio Visual	100.00
Town Poor	200.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00
Recreation	300.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Legal	500.00
Discounts, Abatements, & Refunds	300.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,200.00
Capital Reserve	3,500.00
Grader	2,000.00
Duncan Fund	463.02

**Less Estimated Revenues & Credits:**

Resident Taxes	1,500.00
Yield Taxes	2,500.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	765.29
Resident Tax Penalties	6.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,098.86
Interest & Dividends Tax	826.27
Savings Bank Tax	154.74
Highway Subsidy	3,358.84
Additional Highway Subsidy	2,531.00
Reimb. a/c Forest Lands	375.18
Reimb. a/c Recreation Lands	19.65
Dog Licenses	225.00
Permits & Filing Fees	75.00
Duncan Fund	463.02
Reimb. a/c Forest Fires	30.96
MV Permits	5,180.00
Gifts	215.00
Revenue Sharing Fund	3,151.52

Total Town Appropriations

63,932.38

Total Revenues & Credits	22,476.33
Net Town Appropriation	41,456.05
Net School Appropriation	61,655.40
County Tax Assessment	12,646.00
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Total, Town, County & School	\$115,757.45
Deduct: Business Profits Tax	2,601.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	1,250.00
Add: Overlay	3,267.13
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Property Tax to be raised	\$ 116,423.58

#### **1980 TAX RATE**

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Town	.64
School	.87
County	.18
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	\$1.69



**BALANCE SHEET  
TOWN OF GROTON, N.H.**

**December 31, 1980**

**ASSETS**

Cash, checking account		\$ (4.57)
Petty cash, town clerk		5.20
Cash, revenue sharing		3,019.12
Cash, library account		44.04
Cash, trustee of trust funds		
North Groton Cemetery fund	273.91	
George W. Hall	118.56	
Cyrus Blood	59.15	
Tercentennial Fund	204.97	
Capital reserve	3,500.00	
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		4,156.59
Prepaid Insurance		1,500.00
Unredeemed taxes		
Levy of 1978	1,137.32	
Levy of 1979	3,162.69	
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		4,300.01
Property taxes receivable		36,711.40
Resident taxes receivable		220.00
Yield taxes receivable		1,003.84
Land use change taxes receivable		1,901.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<hr/>
		\$52,856.63

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

Due to State, 2% Bond & Debt retirement	\$ 171.33
County tax payable	12,646.00
School District tax payable	28,655.40
Revenue Sharing fund	3,019.12
Trustee of Trust Funds balance	4,156.59
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	48,648.44
Unrestricted fund balance	4,208.19
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<hr/>
	\$52,856.63

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
TOWN OF GROTON  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980**

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**Revenues**

1980 Property Tax	\$ 78,524.74
1980 Resident Tax	1,540.00
1980 Yield Tax	2,519.24
Previous years property & yield tax	18,581.58
Interest on delinquent taxes	785.21
Previous years resident tax	60.00
Resident tax penalties	6.00
Tax sales redeemed	1,491.78
Highway subsidy	3,358.84
Savings bank tax	154.74
Reimbursement a/c Forest lands	375.18
State share forest fire bill	30.96
Meals and rooms tax	1,098.86
Business profits tax	2,600.92
Dog licenses and penalties	246.00
Permits and filing fees	98.00
Interest and dividends tax	826.27
Refunds	43.21
Motor vehicle permits	5,987.88
Insurance	196.00
Gift	215.00
Sale of town property	3.00
Yield tax security deposits	1,690.00
Revenue sharing	3,151.52
Redeposit returned checks	420.00
Reimbursement a/c recreation lands	1979 19.65
	1980 25.35
Police Duty	84.50

**Expenditures**

Town Officers' salaries	\$ 6,089.92
Town Officers' expenses	3,653.28
Election and Registration	846.78
Town Hall and Other Buildings	3,506.02
Revaluation	1,526.58
Police	3,044.45
Fire	2,848.24
Insurance	3,153.00
Health	809.18
Dump	2,016.20
TRA & Duncan Fund	780.86
Town Maintenance	8,680.70
Street Lighting	327.27
General Highway Expense	3,489.48
Libraries	950.00
Old Age Assistance	72.00
Recreation	252.75
Cemeteries	164.75
Highway Subsidy	5,907.90

Repair and Sealing	9,566.07
Town Poor	1,600.72
Baker River Audio Visual	100.00
Damages & Legal	319.50
New Equipment	2,000.00
Revenue Sharing	3,151.52
Temporary Loans	65,000.00
Taxes Bought by Town	3,468.77
Discounts, abatements and refunds	278.15
Interest on short term notes	1,890.28
Capital reserve fund	3,500.00
Payment for County tax	Bal. 79 5,138.42
Payment for School	52,642.23

### REVENUE SHARING FUND

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**Balance**

Beginning Year 1-1-80	\$ 3,151.52
Deposits	2,774.00
Interest	245.12

**Total**

6,170.64
3,151.52

**Balance, end of year 12-31-80**

3,019.12
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### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1980 Motor Vehicle Permits		\$ 5,987.88
Dog Licenses	\$ 271.00	
Less Clerk's Fee	29.00	
	<hr/>	242.00
Dump Permits	53.00	
Filing Fees	10.00	
Dog Penalties	4.00	
	<hr/>	67.00
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		\$ 6,296.88

### PETTY CASH SUMMARY

Cash on Hand January 1, 1980	\$ 9.57
Received from Selectmen	
Mar. 25, 1980	30.00
July 14, 1980	30.00
Sept. 8, 1980	30.00
Less Expenditures for	
Stamps, dog notices, tax bills, (Resident, Property and Yield) notices of interest due, money orders, certified mail for tax accounts, pet	94.38
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1980	\$ 5.19

Thomas Whitman  
Poverty Pond Road  
P.O. Box 76A  
Danbury, New Hampshire 03230

February 16, 1981

Board of Selectmen  
Town Office  
Groton, New Hampshire 03241

Gentlemen:

All books and accounts of the Town Officers were examined. The Selectmen's payments were checked with the vouchers. Each voucher had an attached invoice or time sheet.

The Treasurer's bank balance was reconciled with the Cash Book balance.

The Town Clerk's accounts were checked.

The warrants given to the Tax Collector were checked against payments received. Unpaid property taxes greater than \$250.00 were confirmed by mail on a negative basis.

The Report of Town Audit and the Auditor's Report on Revenue Sharing Funds were filed with the New Hampshire State Tax Commission as required by law.

Thomas Whitman  
Town Auditor

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
TOWN OF GROTON  
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1980  
-DR.-**

**Taxes Committed to Collector:**

Property Taxes	\$116,499.47
Resident Taxes	1,530.00
Land Use Change Taxes	1,901.00

Total Warrants	\$119,930.47
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Yield Taxes	7,150.42
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**Added Taxes:**

Resident Taxes	260.00
	260.00

Penalties Collected on Bad Checks	20.00
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	1.00
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<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$127,361.89</b>
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**-CR.-**

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Property Taxes	\$78,287.96
Resident Taxes	1,540.00
Yield Taxes	6,146.58
Penalties on Resident Taxes	1.00
Penalties Collected on Bad Checks	20.00
	85,995.54

Discounts Allowed	1,222.50
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**Abatements Made During Year:**

Property Taxes	63.09
Resident Taxes	30.00
	293.09

**Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1980:  
(As Per Collector's List)**

Property Taxes	36,725.92
Resident Taxes	220.00
Yield Taxes	1,003.84
Land Use Change Taxes	1,901.00
	39,850.75

<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$127,361.89</b>
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**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS  
TOWN OF GROTON  
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES  
LEVY OF 1979**

-DR.-

**Uncollected Taxes -**

**As of January 1, 1980:**

Property Taxes	\$ 17,511.75	
Resident Taxes	90.00	
Yield Taxes	1,028.03	
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		\$ 18,629.78

**Added Taxes:**

Property Taxes	131.00
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**Interest Collected on**

Delinquent Property Taxes	755.21
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	6.00
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<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<hr/>	\$19,521.99
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**Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year**

**Ended December 31, 1980:**

Property Taxes	17,573.55	
Resident Taxes	60.00	
Yield Taxes	1,028.03	
Interest Collected During Year	755.21	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	6.00	
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		19,422.79

**Abatelements Made During Year:**

Property Taxes	69.20	
Resident Taxes	30.00	
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		99.20

<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<hr/>	\$19,521.99
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**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1980**

**-DR.-**

Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - Jan. 1, 1980		1,653.60	349.65
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	3,468.77		
Interest Collected After Sale	1.59	71.73	77.00
Redemption Costs	15.10	30.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>3,485.46</b>	<b>1,755.33</b>	<b>427.65</b>

**-CR.-**

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:			
Redemptions	306.08	668.63	349.65
Interest & Costs After Sale	16.69	101.73	78.00
Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1980	3,162.69	984.97	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>3,485.46</b>	<b>1,755.33</b>	<b>427.65</b>



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### RECEIPTS

#### Mildred E. Schweitzer, Collector

1979 property tax	14,084.78
1979 interest	785.21
1979 resident tax	60.00
1979 resident tax penalty	6.00
1979 yield tax	1,028.03
1980 property tax	78,524.74
1980 resident tax	1,540.00
1980 resident tax penalty	1.00
1979 tax sale (taxes bought by town)	3,468.77
1980 yield taxes	2,519.24
Taxes redeemed	1,491.78
Filing fees	13.00

#### State of New Hampshire

1979 Reimb. a/c state owned Rec. land	19.65
State share, forest fire	30.96
Reimb. a/c state & federal forest land	375.18
Business profits tax	2600.92
Bank tax	154.74
Meals and rooms tax	1,098.86
Additional highway subsidy	2,549.36
Highway Subsidy	3,358.84
Interest & Dividend Tax	826.27
Duncan Fund	463.02
1980 Reimb. a/c state owned Rec. land	25.35
From state (overpayment) Bond & Debt	171.33
From state (overpayment) perm. plate	1.00

#### Pemigewasset National Bank

Temporary loans	65,000.00
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#### Town Clerk

1980 M.V. permits	5,987.88
Dog tax	242.00
Dog tax penalty	4.00
Dump permits	53.00

#### Longyear Foundation

Gift to police dept.	215.00
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#### Selectmen

Building permits	8.00
Pistol permits	24.00
Timber Tax bonds	1,690.00
Sale of checklist	3.00
Police duty	84.50
Refund-Wright Communications	43.21

<b>Helen Albert, Treasurer</b>	
Redeposit returned checks	416.48
Redeposit uncashed checks	3.98
Revenue Sharing Fund	3,151.52
Bad checks	30.00
Cash-bad checks	173.69

<b>Bristol Real Estate &amp; Insurance</b>	
Insurance refund	196.00

<b>Total</b>	192,494.29
Cash on hand January 1, 1980	<u>5,262.81</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	197,757.10

**Payments**

Selectmen's Orders Paid	197,761.67
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**Balance**

-4.57

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen L. Albert  
Treasurer

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

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<b>Current Revenue</b>	
Taxes	\$ 103,509.55
From State	11,675.48
From Local Sources	
Town Clerk	6,233.88
Selectmen permits	98.00
Taxpayers bad checks	173.69
Sale of Town property	3.00
Capital Reserve	
Proceeds Temporary Loans	65,000.00
Revenue Sharing	3,151.52
Insurance Refund	196.00
Bonds	1,690.00
Gifts	215.00
Police Duty	84.50
Refunds	43.21
Redeposit Returned Checks	420.46
Cash on hand 1-1-80	5,262.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 197,757.10</b>

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

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### Current

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 6,089.92
Town Officers' Expenses	3,653.28
Election and Registration	846.78
Town Hall and Other Buildings	3,506.02
Police	3,044.45
Highway Subsidy	5,907.90
Fire	2,848.24
Insurance	3,153.00
Revenue Sharing	3,151.52
Health	809.18
Repair and Sealing	9,566.07
New Equipment	2,000.00
Dump	2,016.20
Summer Maintenance	2,995.65
Winter Maintenance	5,685.05
TRA & Duncan Fund	780.86
Street Lighting	327.27
General Expense, Highway	3,489.48
Libraries	950.00
Damages and Legal	319.50
OAA	72.00
Town Poor	1,600.72
Recreation	252.75
Revaluation	1,526.58
Cemeteries	164.75
Baker River Audio	100.00
Taxes bought by Town	3,468.77
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	278.15
Withholding tax	(250.00)
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,890.28
Temporary Loans	6,500.00
Capital Reserve	3,500.00
State and County	Bal. 79 5,138.42
School	52,642.23
Return check	(986.65)

### TOTAL

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\$196,775.02

## **DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS**

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### **Town Officers Salaries:**

James Albert - Selectman	\$ 900.00
Richard Humphrey - Selectman	800.00
Samuel Abbott - Selectman	800.00
Helen Albert - Secretary	750.00
Mildred Schweitzer - Town Clerk	775.00
Mildred Schweitzer - Tax Collector	1,464.92
Helen Albert - Treasurer	575.00
Betty Abbott - Trustee	25.00

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**\$ 6,089.92**

### **Town Officer's Expenses:**

Mountain Media - printing	\$ 991.75
N.H. Municipal Assoc. - dues	300.00
I.B.M. repairs	66.00
Mildred Schweitzer - expenses	533.90
Mildred Schweitzer - conventions	329.12
Hebron Post Office - stamps	173.00
Helen Albert - typing, trips to bank	294.82
Treas. State of N.H. - blotter books and inventory	34.92
Charles A. Wood - current use recording etc.	84.95
N.E. Telephone - services	74.89
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc.-dues	15.00
Wheeler and Clark - dog tags	11.70
Joseph Jordan - auditor	250.00
Homestead Press - tax bills	75.06
Samuel Abbott - trips	42.00
Brown and Saltmarsh - supplies	83.47
Real Data Corp. - index Real Estate	13.00
N.H. Assoc. of Assessing Officials	40.00
Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank - deposit box	10.00
Radio Shack - calculator	99.95
Dept. of Revenue Adm. - current use cards	1.50
Branham Publishing Co. - supplies	19.25
N.H. City and Town Clerks Assoc. - dues	19.00
Mildred Schweitzer - petty cash	90.00

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**\$ 3,653.28**

### **Election and Registration:**

Yvonne Stevens - supervisor	\$ 159.65
Betty Abbott - supervisor	156.55
Dedrick Garner - supervisor	58.90
Paul Buck - moderator	99.75
Jean Ray - supervisor	15.50
Leslie Garner - supervisor	10.85
Bonnie Albert - ballot clerk	43.40
Barbara Hobart - ballot clerk	51.15
Mildred Kingsley - ballot clerk	85.25
Diane Norman - ballot clerk	40.30
Carol Matthews - ballot clerk	40.30
Betty Abbott - postage	1.15
Homestead Press - ballots	7.65

Evans printing - printing	7.75
Bristol Enterprise - printing	68.63
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	\$ 846.78
<b>Town Hall and Other Buildings:</b>	
N.H. Electric Coop. Inc. - electricity	\$ 365.12
Comeau's Oil and Oil Repairs	1,411.19
Lewis J. Albert - janitor	15.50
Kenneth Martell Jr. - wood	15.00
Kenneth Martell Jr. - painting	338.25
George Merrill - town clerk office	117.00
John Matthews - labor and materials	739.15
Harold Schweitzer - painting	26.80
Gerrity Building Center - paint	16.25
Richard Merrill - supplies and maint	273.88
Norris Smith-mowing	15.00
Hebron Village Store - flag rope	3.98
David Norman - janitor	27.90
Moving salt shed	141.00
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	\$ 3,506.02
<b>Police:</b>	
David Albert Chief - patrolling	\$ 529.00
David Albert - mileage	512.06
Kenneth Martell Jr. - patrolling	659.14
Kenneth Martell Jr. - primary	45.50
Theodore Kendall - patrolling	22.50
N.E. Telephone - services	300.14
David Albert - annual school meeting	42.25
Kenneth Martell Jr. - annual school meeting	42.25
Wright Communications - repair radio	315.78
Ben's Uniform Co. - equipment	290.34
David Albert - antenna base	12.38
Sa-So Inc. - supplies	159.67
Middlesex Fire Equipment - switches etc.	79.69
Mountain Media - printing	33.75
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	\$ 3,044.45
<b>Fire Department:</b>	
Town of Hebron fire calls	\$ 386.25
C. Dennis Matthews	33.48
James Parris	28.51
Town of Hebron approp.	1,200.00
Town of Rumney	1,200.00
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	\$ 2,848.24
<b>Dump:</b>	
Harold Schweitzer - attendant	\$ 1,054.00
Nicholas Adams - attendant	263.50
Lewis Albert - labor	238.30
Frances Comeau - labor	26.40
Paul Norman - labor	26.40
Richard Clancy - labor	17.50
Ed and Dave Inc. - loader	20.00
Ed and Dave Inc. - backhoe	120.00

Ed and Dave Inc.-dozer	162.50
Ed and Dave Inc. - truck	54.00
Raymond Davis - sand	33.60

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\$ 2,016.20

**Summer Maintenance:**

Lewis J. Albert - labor	\$ 672.00
Charles Matthews - labor	108.50
Richard W. Clancy - labor	180.25
Kenneth Martell Jr. labor	8.75
David Norman - labor	14.00
Jerry Wickstrom - labor	106.25
Tony Albert - labor	24.50
James Albert-labor	56.00
Ed and Dave Inc. - backhoe	360.00
Frank Hobart - labor	14.00
Richard Hikel - labor	7.00
Richard Hikel - power saw	4.00
Lewis J. Albert - truck	55.00
Paul Norman - labor	52.50
Paul Norman - power saw	2.00
Ed and Dave Inc. - truck	394.50
Ed and Dave Inc. - gravel	280.50
James Albert - lumber	59.04
John Dimichelle-labor	104.00
Town of Hebron - rent of rake	60.00
Norris Smith - mowing	96.00
Penn Culvit Co.	115.60
Campton Sand and Gravel - cold patch	220.76

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\$ 2,995.65

**Winter Maintenance:**

Lewis J. Albert - labor	\$ 1,270.00
Kenneth Martel Jr. - labor	101.50
Frank Hobart - labor	15.75
Frances Corneau - labor	7.00
Charles Matthews - labor	231.00
Richard W. Clancy - labor	455.00
Tony Albert - labor	7.00
David Norman - labor	38.50
Ed and Dave Inc. - loader	495.00
Lewis J. Albert - truck	291.25
Paul Norman - labor	155.75
Paul Norman - power saw	9.00
Ed and Dave Inc. - backhoe	160.00
International Salt Co.	1,959.90
Ed and Dave Inc. - truck	216.00
Ed and Dave Inc. - gravel	54.60
Ernest Mitchell - backhoe	75.00
William Anderson - sand stock pile	142.80

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\$ 5,685.05

**Sealing and Repair:**

Lewis J. Albert - labor	\$ 684.00
Charles Matthews - labor	105.00
Ed and Dave Inc. - backhoe	575.00
Ed and Dave Inc. - 10 wheeler	40.00
Ed and Dave Inc.-truck	932.50
Ed and Dave Inc. - gravel	441.00
Ed and Dave Inc. - bulldozer	437.50
Lewis J. Albert - truck	63.75
Campton Sand and Gravel - coldpatch and culvits	441.28
coldpatch	4,164.49
Irving MacDonald - backhoe	100.00
Irving MacDonald - truck	675.00
Irving MacDonald - gravel	38.50
Jerry Wickstrom - labor	136.50
Frances Corneau - labor	34.30
Raymond Patterson - labor	124.25
Virginia Spead - truck	405.00
Norris Smith - mowing	168.00

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\$ 9,566.07

**General Expense of Highway Department:**

Yeaton Oil Co.	\$ 1,811.16
Sanel Auto - parts	34.41
N.H. Explosives - parts	117.51
Brooks Auto Supply - parts	108.53
Hawkensen Enterprises - parts	21.09
Central Petroleum Co. - oil	86.88
Plymouth Auto Supply - parts	118.15
F.P. Delorenzo - welding	55.00
Merrimack Farmers - equip	194.66
Freeman Patten-repairs	555.00
A.M. Rand Co. - paint	127.65
Spears Garage - parts	193.75
Hebron Village Store - gas	9.68
Shorts Garage - gas, inspection	54.01
State of N.H. - registration	2.00

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\$ 3,489.48

**Revenue Sharing**

Campton Sand & Gravel	\$ 3,151.52
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**Highway Subsidy**

Campton Sand & Gravel	\$ 5,907.90
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**Withholding Tax**

I.R.S. withholding for 1980	(\$250.00)
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**Interest on Temporary Loans**

Pemigewasset National Bank	\$ 1,890.28
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**Temporary Loans**

Pemigewasset National Bank	\$65,000.00
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<b>New Equipment</b>		
Robert J. Higgins-grader		\$ 2,000.00
<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>		\$ 3,500.00
<b>State &amp; County</b>		
Grafton County, balance 1979	\$4,233.00	
Bond & Debt.	905.42	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,138.42
<b>Returned Checks</b>		
Returned checks		\$ 986.65
<b>School District</b>		
Newfound Area School District		\$52,642.23
<b>Libraries</b>		
Groton library, appropriation		\$ 950.00
<b>Recreation:</b>		
Bristol Community Center	106.00	
Hebron Groton Athletic Assoc., brush	146.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 252.75
<b>Cemeteries</b>		
Beatrice Smith (care of)		\$ 164.75
<b>Damages &amp; Legal Expense:</b>		
J. McCormack-legal	\$250.00	
William Hopkins-legal	55.00	
Mary Wisner-dog officer	14.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 319.50
<b>Baker River A.V. Center</b>		\$ 100.00
<b>Taxes Bought by Town</b>		\$ 3,468.77
<b>Insurance</b>		
Bristol Real Estate & Insurance, insurance		\$ 3,153.00
<b>Health</b>		
Pemi Baker Home Health, approp.	\$499.80	
Newfound Ambulance, approp.	309.38	
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<b>TRA</b>		
State of N.H. approp.	\$317.84	
Duncan fund	463.02	
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<b>Reappraisal</b>		
Eastern Appraisal, appraisals		\$ 1,526.58
<b>Street Lighting</b>		
N.H. Electric Co-op, Power		\$ 327.27
<b>Old Age</b>		
Treasurer State of N.H.		\$ 72.00
<b>Town Poor</b>		\$ 1,600.72
<b>Discounts, Abatements &amp; Refunds:</b>		
Adrienne Latulippe-abatement	\$ 83.84	
Royal Burham-refund	123.33	
Robert Downing-refund	53.50	
Lorena Brown-refund	2.97	
Stephen Falchetta-refund	14.51	
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		\$ 278.15

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

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### Payments January 1, 1980 through December 31, 1980

Kathy Buck, services	\$217.00
materials	80.70
Virginia Hikel, services	108.50
Silver Burdett Co.	46.98
Ladies Home Journal	10.97
World Book Encyclopedia, Inc.	25.90
Library Trustees Fund-Food Sale	136.94
Phoenix Publishing	4.55
National Geographic Society	85.85
Teen	15.94
N.H. Publishing Co.	12.48
The Yankee Trader	30.10
Delong Subscription Agency, Inc.	11.00
American Econo Clad	68.15
National Dame & Co.	118.37
Western Publishing Co., Inc.	99.44
Bank Service Charge	1.16

Total Payments	\$1,074.03
Balance December 31, 1980	44.04

### Receipts, January 1, 1980 through December 31, 1980

Cash on Hand January 1, 1980	\$31.13
Selectmen's appropriation	950.00
Money from Food Sale	136.94
	\$1,118.07

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen L. Albert  
Library Treasurer

## GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Albert has completed the state certification program for part-time officers, which is a state requirement for all officers. Officer Martell has completed the 8 weeks of training at the N.H. Police Academy, at Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, N.H. The town should benefit from this training that officer Martell and chief Albert have had. Sculptured Rocks is a continuing problem both from the campers and the camp fires. The traffic has increased almost double since last year, from the area during the daytime hours as evidence by the litter and speeders particularly on the weekends. The town of Groton has experienced a large increase of burglaries since last year.

Burglaries	9
Dog Complaints	9
Domestic Complaints	3
Arson, M.V.	4
Horse Complaints	2
Possible Thefts	3
Suspicious Noise	1
Suspicious Person	1
Assistance out of town	2
DWI	1
Accidents	3
Theft by Unauthorized Taking	2
Motor Vehicle Complaints	2
Bench Warrants Served	4
Criminal Trespass	1
Arson (structure)	1
House Fires	2

We have purchased a telephone for the Groton Police Department, which rings in both Chief Albert's house and officers Martells House to assure that someone will be there to take the call. We ask all citizens of the town to make note of any suspicious activity including cruising vehicles with no apparent destination, strangers near occupied or unoccupied structures, or any unusual noise. DO NOT delay in calling the Police Department and always try to get any registration number if you can. The success of your Police Department depends in a large measure upon an alert and involved community.

The following numbers should be used whenever assistance is required: Groton Police Department: 744-3703 if no answer call, Grafton County Dispatch (toll free) 1-800-552-0393.

David J. Albert, Chief

## **PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY**

You will notice that the apporpriation request for the Agency has increased this year. This is due mainly to the tremendous increase in Groton's permanent population, and secondly, to a cost of living increase of 13%. Groton received 70 skilled nursing visits and 14 homemaker visits this past year. Also, 69 clients were served by the monthly blood pressure clinics with 9 physician referrals or re-checks, one diabetic screening and one polio immunization.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth B. Abbott  
Groton Pemi-Baker Home Health  
Agency Representative

## **NEWFOUND AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION** **1980**

Total Calls	374
Alexandria	65
Bridgewater	52
Bristol	138
Danbury	6
Groton	12
Hebron	20
Hill	10
I-93	20
New Hampton	51

### **Expenses :**

Gas, Supplies and Repairs	\$ 7,526.79
Insurance	523.00
Payroll	6,868.00
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	\$ 14,917.79

## **LIBRARY REPORT**

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The resignation of our librarian, Kathy Buck, was accepted with regret. During the seven and a half years of her service, the library has grown and improved. Kathie, with the help of Verna Matthews, started to clean out the library after the flood of 1973, and in 1974 the library was reopened with a new look. Since then it has been open at least one afternoon every week in the winter and more often in the summer, with workshops for children also offered for a month.

Fortunately, Virginia Hikel has accepted the post of acting librarian. Virginia has been assistant to Kathie and knows the library procedures well. She has also served as Trustee, a post from which she has now resigned. Debbie Tatham, who has helped at the library, was appointed trustee by the Selectmen to serve until this Town Meeting, at which time there will be two trustees elected, one for a regular three year term and one for one year to fill out Virginia Hikel's term.

Elizabeth B. Abbott,  
Library Trustee

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

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### **Services**

Adult volumes loaned	461
Juvenile volumes loaned	673
Magazines loaned	158
Other media loaned	79
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### **Books purchased**

Adult fiction	5
Adult non-fiction	21
Juvenile fiction	49
Juvenile non-fiction	33
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	108

### **Books donated**

Adult (fiction & non-fiction)	6
Juvenile (fiction & non-fiction)	7
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Total new books-1980	121
Books owned January 1980	2113
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Books discarded in 1980	87
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Total books owned December 31, 1980	2147

Katherine H. Buck, Librarian

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST FIRE SERVICE

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Forest Fire Prevention: Your Business, Our Business, Good Business. Forest Fire prevention slogans have been seen in association with Smokey Bear since the late nineteen forties when a national effort to check the spread of forest fires was implemented.

New Hampshire residents recognized that forest fire prevention and suppression was the responsibility of every citizen, a half century before this national campaign, when our legislature established our first forest fire laws in 1903. Since that date, the State has appointed a town/city forest fire warden who is responsible for forest fire law enforcement in his municipality.

All fires kindled out of doors when there is no snow on the ground must be approved in writing by the forest fire warden before being kindled. All forest fires must be suppressed by the warden and his deputies as soon as they are reported. The cost of fire suppression is shared jointly by the town/city and the State of New Hampshire, as are forest fire prevention and forest fire training costs.

This state and local municipality cooperative forest fire program has given New Hampshire one of the best forest fire records in the United States.

### FOREST FIRE STATISTICS 1980

	No. of Fires*	No. of Acres**
State	1,226	693
District	20	21-1/2
Town	0	0

John Q. Ricard  
District Fire Chief  
Carroll C. Matthews  
Forest Fire Warden

\*Includes Short Fire Reports

\*\*Includes woods and grass

## GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

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To the Citizens of Grafton County:

In an effort to communicate more directly with the taxpaying citizens of Grafton County, we, the Grafton County Commissioners, are writing to you through your individual town or municipal reports.

Due to inflated Nursing Home expenses with somewhat reduced revenues and rapidly increasing costs of welfare reimbursements to the State, our budget year ended very close to the line, with a \$3,620 surplus. Because of the Delegation's decision to use a two-year surplus in one budget year to allow citizens a reduced county tax in FY 1980, the 1981 fiscal year budget resulted in a heavier tax factor making up that decrease as well as offsetting reduced revenues and allowing for standard budget increases.

As with towns the county welfare assistance programs are increasing and becoming more involved, especially with the current energy crunch and rapidly inflating economy. We also foresee a possible decrease in Federal and State contributions to social service programs which could have considerable impact on local budgets.

The sewage disposal system has progressed slightly, with planning completed and ready to go out for bid. If all goes well, we may be able to submit a final report next year.

The Commissioners worked closely with the Nursing Home Employee Council to set up a wage/benefit package more compatible to the State program for Glencliff employees. The Commissioners hope to work out a job description/wage scale plan for courthouse employees in the near future.

Grafton County is gradually converting from a bookkeeping machine system to a computerized system for all county accounts. Payroll was converted effective January 1, 1980, and vendor payment and receipt programs were recently added. Patient accounts and purchase order programs will be added later. The system is too new for comprehensive comments, but we anticipate constructive changes in the overall accounting and reporting system.

The Commissioners hold their regular meeting every Monday (except holidays) at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Office of the Grafton County Courthouse, followed by a second meeting at the Grafton County Nursing Home Complex at 1:00 p.m., which regularly includes visits to farm and jail facilities. Public and press are welcome, and, in fact, are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Richard L. Bradley, Chairman  
Dorothy Campion, Clerk  
Arthur E. Snell  
Grafton County Commissioners



**TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS  
GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TERCENTENNIAL FUND**

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To be used at Tercentennial in 2076	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1980 Acct. #57995	\$ 193.87
Interest received	11.10
Balance at end of year	\$ 204.97

**CEMETERY FUNDS**

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Balance on hand, January 1, 1980	
Account #25171	\$ 56.15
Account #25172	112.15
Account #36736	259.08
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Total	\$ 427.38
Interest received	
Account #25171	\$ 3.20
Account #25172	6.41
Account #36736	14.83
Total	\$ 24.44
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Balance December 31, 1980	451.82

**CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

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For purchase of new Town truck and accessories	
Balance on hand, January 1, 1980	\$ 000.00
Received from Town	\$ 3,500.00
Balance December 31, 1980; C.D. 803227	3,500

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth B. Abbott, Trustee

## VITAL STATISTICS

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### BIRTHS

In Plymouth, N.H., March 8, 1980, **Adam Richard Humphrey**, son of Donna and Richard Humphrey.

In Laconia, N.H., August 24, 1980, **Shelley Andersen**, daughter of Joan and James Andersen.

In Plymouth, N.H., September 12, 1980, **Derek Donald Conrad**, son of Brenda and Albert Conrad.

In Groton, N.H., September 14, 1980, **Samuel Zephaniah Darrell**, son of Gail and Douglas Darrell.

In Plymouth, N.H., November 27, 1980, **Travis Gerry Shinn**, son of Lorraine and Gerry Shinn.

In Plymouth, N.H., December 2, 1980, **Harmony Lynn Steel**, daughter of Debra and Gary Steel.

In Hanover, N.H., December 13, 1980, **Brooke Marie Blake**, daughter of Brenda and Tristan Blake.

### MARRIAGES

In Groton, N.H., May 10, 1980 by Lillian M. Jacques, Justice of the Peace, **Robert G. Smith** to **Joanne F. Gilmartin**.

In Bristol, N.H., May 24, 1980 by Rev. Eugene J. Pelletier, **Michael R. Hobart** to **Maura P. Newton**.

In Dorchester, N.H., July 11, 1980 by Rev. Frank F. Thomas, **Marshall F. Chapman** to **Kathleen M. Miller**.

In Campton, N.H., July 26, 1980 by Rev. Leo A. Robitaille, Jr., **Bernard Leland Reed** to **Sandra Lynn Shiebler**.

### DEATHS

In Plymouth, N.H., October 26, 1980, **Norris Wellman Smith**, Age 67.

In Plymouth, N.H., November 11, 1980, **Blanche Mary Gilchrist**, Age 73.



